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SUBJECT:POSSIBLE SISTER CITY VISIT TO SEATTLE

1. OFFICE OF MAYOR OF SEATTLE HAS CONTACTED DEPARTMENT SEEKING FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF CABLE RECEIVED FROM TASHKENT IN CONNECTION WITH SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES. CABLE IN QUESTION, SENT IN TRANSLITERATED RUSSIAN APPARENTLY FROM TASHKENT, PROPOSED A VISIT TO SEATTLE BEGINNING JULY 1 FOR SEVEN TO TEN DAYS. TASHKENT DELEGATION OF THREE PEOPLE WOULD BE LED BY ONE HOSYAT YAKIBYANOVOI. NO FURTHER DETAILS ON ARRIVAL TIMES, ETC. WERE PROVIDED.

2. DEPARTMENT UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY RECORD OF A VISA APPLICATION BY THIS GROUP AND SOVIET EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF PROPOSED VISIT.

3. SEATTLE CITIZENS GROUP (LED BY MAYOR'S WIFE, MRS.
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ROZANNE ROYER) RESPONSIBLE FOR HOSTING THIS EXCHANGE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO SHED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A TASHKENT DELEGATION VISIT. SEATTLE GROUP IS WILLING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ON VERY SHORT NOTICE IN SPIRIT OF KEEPING SISTER-CITY RELATIONSHIP ON TRACK OF MUTUAL HOSPITALITY (SOVIETS HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO THEM IN THE PAST), BUT OF COURSE COULD DO THINGS MORE SMOOTHLY

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